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SALVATORE AMARENA, AKA; ET AL; RICO; OO: SAN FRANCISCO.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO SAN FRANCISCO DATED JUNE 16, 1976. AND SAN FRANCISCO NITEL TO BUREAU DATED JULY 2, 1976.

A MEMORANDUM ATTACHED TO REFERENCED BUREAU AIRTEL REFLECTED DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORIZATION WAS GRANTED ON JUNE 15, 1976 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A MICROPHONE IN THE APARTMENT OF SF 8677-PC FOR ONE MONTH. THE MICROPHONE WAS NOT OPERABLE UNTIL JUNE 24, 1976 AND HAS BEEN USED ON TWO OCCASIONS SINCE THAT DATE. A SUMMARY OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE CONDUCTED ON JUNE 28, 1976 WAS FURNISHED IN REFERENCED SAN FRANCISCO NITEL TO THE BUREAU.

JIMMY FRATIANNO CAME TO PC'S APARTMENT ON JULY 6, 1976, AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE WAS AGAIN INSTITUTED. FRATIANNO WAS HEARD TO TELL SOURCE THAT HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AN INVESTMENT FOR A WEALTHY ENGLISHMAN. FRATIANNO ADVISED THAT THE ENGLISHMAN HAD TWENTY-TWO MILLION DOLLARS AND THAT HE, FRATIANNO, WANTED TO ARRANGE FOR THE ENGLISHMAN TO LOAN TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS FOR A HIGH-RISE TYPE OF BUILDING.

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FRATIANNO ALSO MENTIONED THE TROPICANA, PRESUMABLY THE TROPICANA HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS AS BEING INVOLVED IN THIS DEAL.

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE ALSO REFLECTED THAT FRATIANNO ASSOCIATES FREQUENTLY WITH NIGHTCLUB OWNER PHIL MAITA OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, A KNOWN FRIEND OF JOE CONFORTE.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE BE
CONTINUED FOR ANOTHER THIRTY DAYS AS THE CURRENT AUTHORIZATION
PERIOD EXPIRES ON JULY 15, 1976.
END.